

THIS CITY AND VICINITY.

NEWS ABOUT MEN, MATTERS AND PROJECTS THIS DAY.

Affairs of Fraternal Societies—Sporting matters along the Hudson River and inland—Freaks of Nature—What a Little Girl Said—Chat.

And the great storms rise and pass,
Bring the thick, gray cloud,
Toss the flakes of snow;
Let your voices be hoarse and loud,
And blow, wind, blow.

—From St. Nicholas.

A DECISION IN SURROGATE'S COURT.

Which is of Interest to Lawyers, Executors of Wills and Church Bodies.

The Surrogate of Ulster County has made a decision with regard to the application of the statute imposing a tax of 5 per cent, for the benefit of the estate upon collateral inheritance. Peter D. Auchmoody, a wealthy resident of the town of Esopus, by his will, which was admitted to probate on May 24, 1886, bequeathed \$2,000 to the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, for the benefit of the Church Building Fund. He made the Board of Domestic Missions his residuary legatee, providing that the residue of his estate, after payment of debts and specific legacies, should be used by the Board of Domestic Missions for the support and maintenance of the domestic missions of the Church. On the final settlement of the estate of Mr. Auchmoody's executors, it appeared that after the payment of all debts and specific legacies, which amounted to \$10,802, there remained in the hands of the executors \$9,819, which was the residue of the estate. The executors claimed that the Board of Domestic Missions was not entitled to the residue of the estate, but that it should be paid to the estate of the deceased, and that the Board of Domestic Missions was not entitled to the residue of the estate.

During the accounting, J. N. Vanderlyn, of New Paltz, represented the executors, and Attorney General Tabor, of Albany, the estate. They claimed that the \$2,000 legacy bequeathed to the Board of Domestic Missions for the Church Building Fund, and the \$9,819 bequeathed to that Board for the maintenance of Domestic Missions, were subject to a rebate of 5 per cent, which should be paid into the State Treasury under the statute of the State imposing a tax upon collateral inheritance.

A. T. Clearwater, of Kingston, who appeared for the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church, claimed that both the specific legacy of \$2,000 and the residuary fund of \$9,819 were exempt from this tax, for the reason that the Board of Domestic Missions had no capital, no stock, no stockholders and no personal property, and that its purposes were entirely religious, and was, therefore, exempt by law from taxation.

Elaborate briefs were submitted by counsel on both sides. The Surrogate, after holding the case under advisement for some time, to-day handed down his decision holding that both the specific legacy and the residuary fund are exempt from the tax.

DASHES HERE AND THERE IN THIS CITY.

Some of the Things Reported by This Newspaper Head or Saw To-Day.

Drummers looking for spring trade are in town.

Colder weather and snow promised for Tuesday.

Two and one-half columns of cable, telegraph and local news up to 2 p. m. on page 3.

Howard Hendricks, of Kingston, started for Florida, yesterday, to be absent about two weeks.

On Sunday a thermometer in Rondout registered as follows: 12 o'clock, 40; 4 o'clock, 40; 6 p. m., 38 degrees above zero.

Workmen in the employ of the Housen-Thompson Electric Light Company began the work, this forenoon, of furnishing the City Hall, this city, with 60 electric lights.

Two social events looked forward to with pleasure in this city are the respective receptions of the members of the Rondout Canoe Club, at the Academy of Music on Washington street, February 22, and the promenade concert and reception of the members of Cornell House Company, on Wednesday evening, February 27.

On Friday, in Kingston, the members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Regimental Union will meet. A business meeting will be held in the Ulster County Surrogate's building. In the evening the annual dinner will be partaken at the Windsor Hotel.

C. D. Westbrook, of Kingston, will read a paper on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

VARIOUS SPORTING MATTERS NOTED.

To Restock Waters in Esopus—A Successful Young Fisherman—On an Ice Yacht.

The Norris Brothers have a number of fine horses in training in Saugerties.

An ice track is soon to be laid out on the brook bed of Roger's Island, near Catskill.

The Saugerties Game and Fish Club will place 100,000 brook trout fry in the waters of that town in April.

The members of the Walden Base Ball Association have rented rooms in the Odd Fellows' building there.

A Middleton boy, one day recently, caught 10 pounds of catfish through a hole in the ice on a pond near that village. Worms were used for bait.

John C. Hatch, of Lebanon Springs, Columbia County, whose left arm was broken, one day recently, hunts foxes with the injured arm in a sling.

Howard Gillespie, Peter Cantine and Charles Davis, of Saugerties, have been elected members of the New Glasgow, Province of Quebec, Fish and Game Club.

A Poughkeepsie News-Press reporter tells of a "whirl on an ice boat." "The wind howled and the great bright pliers danced. It was like a streak of grained lightning and the jerk of a weasel's tail combined."

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, KINGSTON.

The Report of a Commission Confirmed—The Circuit Court, Kingston, was reconvened this afternoon, Judge Putnam presiding.

In the case of the People against Stephen Sherman, of Kerhonkson, the report of the Commissioners finding that Sherman is insane was approved and an order was made sending Sherman to the Middletown Insane Asylum.

In the case of the People against Patrick McManus a motion was made to discharge the prisoner. Motion denied.

The civil case of Cecilia B. O'Reilly against Luke Noone was put on trial. The plaintiff claims \$1,450, for stone quarried from her premises by defendant. The answer is a general denial, also a claim by the defendant that he purchased the stone.

The Casualty Record.

A boy named Frederick Roselle, of Poughkeepsie, was drowned in Morgan's Pond, Poughkeepsie, on Saturday.

Frank Smith, a German laborer, was struck and killed by a train, on Saturday noon, at Castleton. He was about 32 years of age.

On Saturday Patrick O'Rourke, of Rondout, while at work at Flatbush, fell from a run on the ice house, a distance of about 25 feet. His shoulder blade was broken and his left eye injured.

Of Interest to Board of Health Here.

The members of the Board of Health of Poughkeepsie, have adopted the following resolutions concerning contagious and contagious diseases:

Resolved, That the Health Officer, under instruction of the Board of Health, shall place on every house or building where there is infectious or contagious disease a proper placard in a conspicuous place stating the character of the disease, and shall be so retained until the building has been inspected and disinfected by the Health Officer.

Resolved, That the Health Officer shall be liable to a fine of \$10 for every day that he fails to comply with the provisions of the Health Officer's order.

Farmers to Compare Notes.

The next meeting of the Dutchess and Ulster Farmers' Club will be held in Poughkeepsie on February 26.

HUDSON RIVER RIPPLES BY MAIL, ETC.

News on the East and West Banks of the Hudson River and the Sound.

Dr. W. C. Bailey, of Chatham, died of typhoid pneumonia Saturday.

The Sing Sing Savings Bank has assets of a market value of \$1,578,857.72.

Hudson and other up-river places are over-run with tramps on account of the ice harvest.

Over 1,500,000 cigars were manufactured in 17 factories in Rockland County during 1888.

Eleven criminals from Orange County were placed in State prisons and reformatories last week.

Children in Newburgh "amuse" themselves by throwing large pieces of ice through windows.

The twenty-sixth annual hop of the Riverside cadets, Poughkeepsie, will begin on Friday evening.

The new Law Library building to be erected on Market street, Poughkeepsie, will cost \$14,000.

A cow weighing 3,000 pounds is the property of Charles N. Harder, of Philmont, Columbia County.

John Cunningham, of LaGrange, Dutchess County, has been rendered insane by drinking liquor to excess.

Major W. Haubennestel, of Poughkeepsie, will serve on the staff of General Henry A. Barnum in the inaugural parade.

A white elm tree in South America, Dutchess County, measures 19 feet and three inches in girth five feet from the ground.

Charles Alexander, a "picture frame painter" was arrested at the Mile Point, on Saturday. He had stolen a watch in Albany.

A Tarrytown dog committed suicide, one day recently, by putting its head into a pail of dirty water and keeping it there until life was extinct.

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GATHERING ICE IN A STORM.

WHOLESALE COMPANIES WHICH TAKE "NO WEATHER CHANCES."

Progress of the Work Along the Hudson River—What Laborers and "Skilled Help" Are Paid—The Storing Capacity—Still Using Tickets.

Making the most of the opportunity afforded.—Friend.

Ice was gathered at points along the Hudson River to-day in a driving snow and rain storm.

BENEFITS FROM IMPROVED MACHINERY.

At the houses between Rondout and Troy where most of the ice cutting has been done up to the present time, there is hoisting capacity to store about 200,000 tons of ice per day of 10 hours each. The many improvements that have been made in ice-cutting apparatus and hoisting machinery have greatly facilitated the work of cutting and storing the ice crop this season. It is estimated that the improved machinery saves about one-half of the time consumed heretofore. Three decades ago it took strong-bodied men two weeks to do what is accomplished now in nearly as many days.

WAGES PAID TO ICE GATHERERS.

Wages of ice laborers is controlled by the law of supply and demand. Houses near to water or cities have usually more men than can be employed and the present comparatively dull season has caused the market to be pretty well glutted with men looking for work. Houses remote from a full supply of local laborers and where the men have to pay from 10 cents to a quarter of a dollar for a ride to and from the scene of their labor have that amount added to their usual pay. At most of the "remote" houses, room men or stores are paid \$2 per day and outside men \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day. Boys receive from \$1 to \$1.50. Night workers receive double pay. There are certain kinds of work about ice houses that require extra skill and experience and men capable of "extras" receive from \$2 to \$3 per day.

TICKETS BEING USED.

At almost all houses on the Hudson River tickets in some form are being used. The commonest form at present is a ticket from which numbers are punched denoting time and rate of wages. The companies using the use of these as money, and in most instances cash them daily or weekly.

DIDN'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING.

Philip Thompson, a Kentucky lawyer and Congressman, recently used the Knickerbocker Ice Company for \$10,000, which he claims as his fee for using his influence with Secretary Fairchild to prevent him from pressing his suit against the Knickerbocker Ice Company for breach of the banking laws in making and circulating a paper money without paying a 10 per cent. tax to the government. That the suit against the companies did not amount to anything is being exemplified by the use of tickets "long shore."

UP RONDOUT CREEK.

On Sunday morning men went to work on the Rondout Creek, at Edenville, for the Brewers' Ice Company, but had worked but a few minutes when they asked for double rates on account of the day being Sunday. The company refused and the men went home.

Men and horses worked on the Rondout Creek, yesterday, at Wilbur, filling J. Quigley's ice house there.

Beck & Burns, of Rondout, have secured a contract to fill the Cornell Steamboat Company's ice house and five boats. They began operations this morning. The ice is being cut near Derrenbacher's Corner and floated through a canal to the steamer "City of Kingston's" dock.

The work of filling Philip Hoffman's brewery ice house, Rondout, was finished on Saturday.

LONG SHORE ICE NOTES.

Smudburgh, of Saugerties, is stacking ice on Fredrich's dock on the Saugerties Creek.

The Knickerbocker Ice Company is stacking ice at Clark's dock, Malden.

A STRIKE.

The "inside" men at the Wolf ice house at Athens struck for a 25 cents per day increase on Saturday. Their request was granted.

IN THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS.

About 3,600 tons of ice, cut in Mayhem's Pond, South Gilboa, have arrived in Rondout and been stored in five boats. Some of the cakes are 17 inches in thickness.

Recalling Old Times in Marlborough.

The correspondent of THE FREEMAN at Marlborough writes: "It has been reported that the forthcoming town meeting will mark the centennial or the completion of the first century of the organization of this town. The first precinct meeting ever held in Marlborough was that at the residence of one Henry Deyo, in April, 1772—117 years ago. At this meeting Lewis DuBois was chosen Supervisor; A. Perkins, Clerk; John Young, J. Wood, Assessors; Robert Merritt and Joseph Mory, Road Commissioners, and Caleb Merritt was Local Fence Viewer."

Affairs of Local Railroads.

The Lebanon Springs Railroad is advertised for sale, for the sixteenth time, on May 1.

On Saturday afternoon while a car was being switched from the main track of the Walkill Valley Railroad, on Greenkill avenue, Kingston, it ran off the end of the switch and struck a small barn owned by Horace Clearwater. The building was demolished and a wagon and other personal property damaged.

Here and There in Ulster County.

Many worthless dogs have been poisoned in Ellenville and vicinity recently.

Mrs. Mary R. Stanton, who boarded last summer in the town of Olive, has brought suit against the town to recover \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received by an embankment in that town not being properly protected.

Keeping the Track Open.

This forenoon the steamboat Norwich enlarged the track in the Hudson River between Rondout and Rhinecliff for the ferry boat Transport, and also sent a large hole south of the light-house for the reception of the loose ice that may float from the Rondout Creek.

An Old Mischief at Rhinecliff.

On Saturday night a Rhinecliff man, while reposing in a barber's chair, accidentally swallowed a 50 cent silver piece that a friend playfully put in his mouth. Although he is 50 cents richer, the man says he does not care to acquire wealth in that way. The money gave him pain yesterday.

Saugerties.

A party of four young ladies and gentlemen of this village, while returning from a party at Blue Mountain, on Saturday evening, were thrown from their vehicle while coming down the Quarryville hill and hurt severely.

Price of Furs.

The price of local furs in Columbia County is as follows:

Black Skunk, \$1 to \$1.25; Half-Striped Skunk, 50 to 60 cents; Full Striped Skunk, \$1 to \$1.25; White Skunk, 15 to 20 cents; White Fox, \$1 to \$1.25; Dark Mink, \$1 to \$1.25; Red Fox, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Mosquitoes in February.

Many mosquitoes were seen out-of-doors in Rondout yesterday.

A Bad Spell.

The person who sent a letter to the City of "Sarah Kuse," had a bad spell on him.

March "Attractions."

March will have two moons in addition to St. Patrick's Day and other attractions.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

ADDRESSED BY MRS. E. U. BURGESS, OF HIGHLAND, ON SUNDAY.